seal shall be judicially noticed, and may perform such acts, hold such public hearings, and promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the execution of its functions under this chapter.

SEC. 112. Section one hundred thirty-five point eleven (135.11), subsection seven (7), section one hundred thirty-six point three (136.3), subsection two (2), paragraph c, section two hundred six point three (206.3), subsection two (2), paragraph d, section two hundred six point six (206.6), subsection one (1), and chapters one hundred thirty-six A (136A), one hundred thirty-six B (136B), two hundred six A (206A), four hundred fifty-five B (455B), four hundred fifty-five C (455C), four hundred six (406), Code 1971, are repealed.

SEC. 113. The effective date of this Act shall be the first of January, 1973, except that the governor may, prior to the first of January, 1973, by executive order, appoint the necessary commission members, authorize the commissions to organize themselves as provided in this Act, and transfer the functions, records, equipment, funds, other property, and personnel provided in this Act to the department. Any powers, duties, functions, responsibilities and programs not so transferred, shall be transferred by operation of law on the first of January, 1973.

The governor may also by executive order prior to the first of January, 1973, after he has determined that the boards and commissions abolished by this Act no longer have any significant functions to perform, provide that the offices of the members thereof be abolished. Thereafter, such offices shall stand abolished and the members thereof shall not be entitled to any further compensation.

Officers and employees of the department appointed, and members of the commissions and the executive committee authorized to meet, prior to the first of January, 1973, may be compensated as provided in this Act from existing funds transferred by executive order to the department.

Approved April 21, 1972.

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CHAPTER 1120

HIGHWAY COMMISSION CONDEMNATION

S. F. 1038

AN ACT relating to eminent domain.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. In any condemnation proceedings instituted by the state highway commission and pending on or filed subsequent to January 1, 1968, in any court of the state, under chapter four hundred seventy-two (472) of the Code, wherein the property owner has served a proper notice of appeal on the applicant for condemnation within the statutory period, but has failed to serve notice of appeal on a lienholder within the statutory period as required by section four hundred seventy-two point eighteen (472.18) of the Code, such failure shall not

- deprive the court of jurisdiction insofar as the property owner is concerned, unless a lienholder can show prejudice thereby, and in such instances the appeal, as it affects the property owner, is legalized and validated.
- Any award of damages and judgment for costs, in any such proceeding, which has been set aside or vacated, by reason of the failure of the property owner to serve notice of appeal on a lienholder within the statutory period required under section four hundred seventy-two point eighteen (472.18) of the Code, shall be reinstated by the court where such award and judgment was entered after notice and hearing, as prescribed by the court, and after a finding that such lienholder will not be prejudiced thereby.

Approved April 22, 1972.

CHAPTER 1121

MERGED AREA SCHOOLS

H. F. 1101

AN ACT to legalize and validate proceedings for the establishment, organization, formation, and changes in the boundaries of merged area school systems.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

- SECTION 1. All proceedings taken after January 1, 1969 and prior to January 1, 1972, purporting to provide for the establishment,
- 3 organization, formation, and changes in the boundaries of merged
- areas under the provisions of chapter two hundred eighty A (280A), 5 Code 1971, and not heretofore declared invalid by any court, are
- 6 legalized, validated, and confirmed.
- 1 SEC. 2. The foregoing shall not be construed to affect any litigation that may be pending at the time this Act becomes effective involv-
- 3 ing the establishment, organization, formation, or changes in the
- 4 boundaries of any such merged area.

Approved April 21, 1972.

CHAPTER 1122

COMMISSION ON STATUS OF WOMEN

H. F. 1140

AN ACT to establish a commission on the status of women and to define its powers and duties.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

- 1 SECTION 1. Establishment. There is established a commission on
- 2 the status of women, hereinafter referred to as the "commission",